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- In evaluating this information, allowance should be made for the fact that in August 1949 the UVD relinquished responsibility for the exercise of Soviet control over paramilitary affairs, and that source was thus kept out of touch with paramilitary affairs.
- 2,, Until August 1949 the paramilitary units were under the control of the Internal Affairs Administration (UVD), headed by General Gorokhov, successor to General Malkov. The latter was returned to the USSR where he is alleged to have become the chief of an Oblast Upravlenye MVD. Before coming to Germany he had been the chief of the Oblast Upravlenye LND in the Ivanov Oblast.
- In August 1949 the control and direction of paramilitary police units in the Soviet occupation zone was transferred to the Department for Military Affairs (Glavny Voyeniyi Otdel) whose head is Major General Petrakovsky.* Offices for the department are in the former engineer school at Karlshorst. General Petrakovsky is in direct contact with Wilhelm Zaisser, the chief of the "Verwaltum für Schulung", with whom he has frequent meetings. Petrakovsky's direct superior is 1/3. General Lukyanchenko, Chief of Staff, SMA. General Petrakovsky, a hero of the Soviet Union, is about 6 feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds and is bald. His German is said to be fluent. He is feared by his subordinates. his demeanor is described as crude, his use of curse words prolific. when visiting paramilitary objects he frequently wears civilian clothes. A Major General Makarov is said to be the chief of the Otdel for Hilitary Preparedness under Petrakovsky.
- Kabanov (fnu), alleged to be connected with the paramilitary program in some form, is General Chuikov's deputy for Civilian Administration. His position is considered to be of a key nature, placing him directly under Chuikov. Under his control are the UVD, the Public Education Otdel, the Public Health Otdel, the Legal Otdel and the Otdel for Civilian Administration. Rabanov is not a general, but a civilian. He is alleged to have held a very important party position in the USSR as first secretary of an Oblast Party Committee at a location unknown
- Prior to the reorganization in August 1949, forty Bereitschaften had been 5. activated, each 250 men strong. These Bereitschaften had been issued 20 tank recovery vehicles and twenty 20 mm guns for training purposes. They were

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provided with 40 Horch III 3-ton trucks, each Bereitschaft receiving one. The Bereitschaften were equipped with German rifles, machine guns (EG-8) and automatic rifles (MP 44). Whereas all equipment up to that time was of German origin, source learned that Russian equipment would eventually replace it.

- 5. The Russians consider the new type Bereitschaften as on a par with Russian regiments, which will eventually become divisions. It is source's belief that those divisions will also be modelled on the Russian pattern of an infantry division.
- 6. The Sovietniks are Soviet officers, usually holding the rank of major or lieutenant colonel, who direct the military indoctrination in schools and Bereitschaften.** Each unit has only one Sovietnik. They are for the most part army combat officers placed on temporary duty with the aforementioned units. Although they are supposed to act in an advisory capacity only, they are said to wield considerable influence over the German commenders of those units. The Sovietniks are billetted in the Komendatura nearest to the unit they have been assigned to. They wear German police uniforms while on duty. Off duty they are permitted to wear civilian clothes. Source contends that Petrakovsky himself ordered German uniforms for the Sovietniks. The Sovietniks wear the same rank insignia as the school commandants and the chiefs of the Bereitschaften. Source heard a rumor to the effect that an important Soviet was going to arrive from Moscow who is slated to become the Sovietnik on Zaisser's staff.
- 7. All training manuals, aids, etc. are prepared by Germans. They are later translated into Russian, checked and edited by the proper Soviet authorities, and retranslated into German.
 - 8. has never heard of the existence of Volkspolizei air units. He claims that he would have known about them if such units were actually in existence.
 - 9. At one time a proposal was made to organize a naval police school on the island of Ruegen. This proposal is said to have been rejected by the political advisor 25X1X Semeonov.
 - claims that nothing has been heard of Hermann Rentzsch (chief of staff of Hauptabteilung Bereitschaften in the old GAI) since Wilhelm Zaisser was named to head the Verwaltung für Schulung.
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 the present remilitarization program largely resulted from the thought that some day the Russians may suggest the withdrawal of all troops from Germany. If the Western powers agree, the Russians will still have an army within Germany to protect their interests, an army which in case of war would also be depended upon to support the Russian forces.
 - reported fact that General Petrakovsky is in charge of the Soviet control element supervising the affairs of the "Hauptvervaltung für Ausbildung". The existence of a Department for Ellitary Affairs has not been reported before and should await corroboration before being accepted.

Comment: the Sovietniks fully corroborates a report received from a B-source. The term "Military" indoctrination should be accepted as connoting political indoctrination. The two cannot be separated under the oviet training system.

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